Subject No. 245.

Withdrawal of the rule prescribing free licenses for felling and removing timber from Coffee Estates.

Summary of discussion.—The present rules require Coffee Planters to take out free licenses for removing timber cut on their estates to other places for building purposes. This entails great delay and much inconvenience. The rule prescribing free licenses should be withdrawn.

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient. The Deputy Commissioner should expedite grant of licenses.

Subject No. 246.

Abolition of the system of drawing toddy by contractors from Bagani trees in occupied lands including Hittals.

Summary of discussion.—At present, the servants of toddy contractors are alone allowed to tap and draw toddy from Bagani trees in occupied lands including Hittals. This system should be abolished and the owners themselves allowed as per mamul to make use of the toddy.

The Dewan enquired how the owners would use the toddy. The speaker said that they would draw the toddy themselves and supply their coolies.

Dewan's reply.—That will not do. The clause in the Coffee Title-deed is that the grantee can draw toddy from Bagani or other trees for the making of bread or other *bonâ fide* domestic purposes, but not otherwise, as the toddy contractor alone has the right to draw toddy for other purposes after taking the grantee's consent. 'Domestic purpose' here, does not include supply to coolies. This rule also applies to Kan-holders in the Shimoga District.

Subject No. 247.

Anikat and Channel at Karagada.

Summary of discussion.—An anikat and channel at Karagada should be soon undertaken. These would irrigate a large extent of land and be of help to Iswaravalli, Kalsapur and other villages, which now frequently suffer from drought. The project is stated to be under investigation by the Executive Engineer.

Dewan's reply.—D. P. W. to expedite.

Subject No. 248.

Abatement of nuisance on vacant building sites.

Summary of discussion.—There are several vacant building sites in the town of Belur and other places. The owners will neither themselves build nor allow others to build thereon. The sites are often receptacles for filth, overgrown with rank vegetation, resorts of snakes and are altogether a great nuisance. This should be remedied. The recent orders on the subject, only direct the levy of an assessment on a building site, if not built upon within a given time. This is not sufficient. If houses are not built within the given time, the site should be made available for others who are prepared to build.

Dewan's reply.—The suggestion is worthy of consideration, but legislation is necessary. A provision will be made in the proposed Municipal Regulation.

Subject No. 249.

Gomal lands for Belur Town.

Summary of discussion.—The population of Belur is 3,560 and the number of cattle is 1,739. As per mamul based upon orders of Local Officers, the cattle of Belur were grazing in the Gomals attached to the adjoining villages of